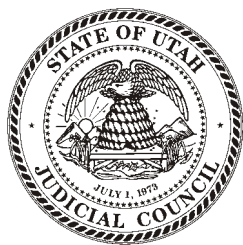


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DATE SET FOR JUDGES TO HEAR GRAND JURY PANEL TESTIMONY

Logan, Utah---A panel of judges will meet May 27, 2004, to hear testimony to determine if reasonable cause exists to call a grand jury. The grand jury panel will meet at the Logan City Courthouse located at 135 North 100 West.

Individuals who would like to testify, should contact District Court Administrator Mark Jones at (801) 578-3800 by May 20, 2004 to schedule a one-half hour appointment.

Individuals who testify should be prepared to give evidence to support claims that justify calling a grand jury. Controversies between individual parties will not be considered. Individuals who need special accommodations during the hearing should notify the Mark Jones at least three business days prior to the hearing.

Utah's Grand Jury Statute requires a panel of judges from throughout the state to hold hearings in each judicial district every three years. The purpose of the hearings is to determine if a grand jury needs to be summoned based on criminal activity. The Attorney General, a county attorney, or special prosecutor appointed under U.C.A. 77-10a-1 can also present evidence if it is based on criminal activity. If a grand jury is summoned, the jurors will be called from the state-at-large or any judicial district within the state.

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